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APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 14, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 14, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.